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Customer No. 30734

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PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Daniel Girard)

Application No.: *Not yet assigned*)

Filed: Herewith)

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HOLDING POSITION ADJACENT FACING
ENDS OF TUBE SECTIONS FOR HOLDING THEM BY WELDING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attention: Application Branch
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits in this application, please amend the claims of
the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.